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May 12, 1980

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-50-80

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF FOOD STAMP PROGRAM BENEFITS

REFERENCE: All-County Information Notice I-42-80

Please refer to All-County Information Notice I-42-80, dated May 1, 1980, regarding the potential suspension of Food Stamp Program benefits. This notice is to provide you with instructions regarding methods for informing recipients of the impending suspension. Regulations will be filed within the next few days.

Counties are instructed to notify recipients by either:

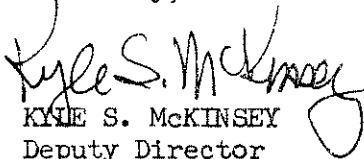
- 1) Publicizing suspension of benefits through news media and/or posters; or
- 2) Sending informational notices to individual households.

Exact language for the notices is attached. No deviations from this wording will be allowed. If media announcements are used, the language must be consistent with the wording provided for the notices.

Counties are directed not to mail notices or otherwise inform the recipient population until they receive further instruction from this Department. It is the Department's intention to notify recipients near the end of the month. The standardized language is being provided now so that counties will have sufficient time for the printing process.

We strongly urge that individual notices be provided in order to ensure a complete understanding of the suspension action by all recipients.

Sincerely,


KYLE S. MCKINSEY
Deputy Director

Attachment

FOOD STAMP BENEFIT SUSPENSION NOTICE

Your food stamp benefits have been suspended effective June 1, 1980. The federal government has taken this action in all states because the Food Stamp Program has run out of money and Congress has not yet budgeted additional funds.

The County Welfare Department cannot issue benefits until the federal government provides more money. The County cannot give you any more information about food stamps at this time. When Congress provides enough money to continue the program, you will automatically begin receiving your benefits again if you are otherwise eligible. You will not need to reapply for food stamps.